

OHIO AND MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Minutes of a Conference embracing the States of Ohio and Michigan, held at Sylvester, Mecost County, Michigan, August 20th and 21st, 1881.

Elders present: Prest. Wm. Palmer, George Noble and John B. Thatcher, junr., from Ohio; S. B. Warner, Daniel Zundell, Jos. R. Murdock, James L. Jensen and D. E. Evans, of Michigan.

Prest. Palmer made a few opening remarks, closing by invoking the blessing of God to attend the conference.

Jos. R. Murdock thanked his parents and God that he had been reared in the Church of Jesus Christ, away from the outside world of sin and ignorance of the plan of salvation. We should be very careful that we do nothing that will debar us of the rich reward in store for the faithful Saints.

S. B. Warner rejoiced in bearing the gospel of life and salvation to the sons and daughters of Adam. Although surrounded with darkness on every hand, yet with the Holy Spirit burning in our bosoms we have great joy in bearing the gospel to a fallen world. Why will not the world repent and have life everlasting, instead of rejecting the great plan of life and salvation? Although they hate and persecute us, we should labor diligently to assist the human family to obtain the boon of the gospel.

James L. Jensen rejoiced that his parents received the gospel and gathered out from Babylon. The father of lies opposes everything that tends to perfect and elevate the human family. Bore testimony of the great latter-day work.

Prest. Palmer read a portion of Revelation xii. concerning Satan and his angels being cast down to the earth, showed that the Evil One should have great power in the earth for a long time; then the light was again to burst forth, which would increase till the devil is bound for a thousand years. It is because we kept our first estate that we are privileged to take a body of flesh and blood. All the righteous who have ever lived, our parents and our Creator are watching to see if we keep well our second estate that we may enjoy life everlasting.

2 p.m.

Singing and prayer. Geo. O. Noble said we are highly favored in coming forth to preach this work which God has seen fit to restore to the earth with duly commissioned officers to administer in the great plan of salvation. If we discharge our duties as servants of God, great will be our reward. It is by contrast that we learn to more fully appreciate our religion and homes in the valleys of the mountains.

Daniel Zundell was thankful for the privilege of going forth to call sinners to repentance in a day, when God had set up His kingdom as it was when He was upon the earth, with Apostles, prophets, and in fact, all the officers and gifts and blessings necessary to the Church of Christ.

John B. Thatcher, though somewhat inexperienced desired to be instrumental in the hands of God in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ which he knew to be true.

President Palmer said, it fills my soul with joy to hear our young Elders testify they know this to be the work of God. Revelation is necessary to eternal life, although some declare it is done away; it is also equally necessary that the Church have a proper organization. Notwithstanding the gospel is so simple and plain the most of the world will reject it and persecute the Saints of God, and yet we are the most happy people on the globe.

Singing and benediction.

7.30 p.m.

Singing and prayer. S. B. Warner portrayed some of the beauties of the gospel as restored in our day, also proved that darkness had covered the earth for many hundreds of years. Bore testimony to the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission and the mighty work he had done in so short a time.

D. E. Harris said although we have to undergo a few hardships, insults, etc., it is nothing compared with the rich reward offered if we perform all duties faithfully. The youth of the Latter-day Saints have greater privileges and more is expected of them than any other people that ever lived on the earth.

Second day, Aug. 21.

Singing and prayer. To-day the house was filled with strangers and Saints. President Palmer read Acts III, 19, 20, 21 verses. Explained how we should worship God; spoke at length on the great apostasy of the primitive church and the restoration of the gospel in the latter-days.

Geo. O. Noble bore testimony to what had been said. Singing, benediction.

2 p.m.

Singing and prayer. President Palmer made a few remarks upon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, after which it was administered by Geo. O. Noble and Jas. S. Jensen to the Elders and some 15 Saints present. The Authorities as sustained at the last annual conference were put before the conference by D. E. Harris and unanimously sustained. Also Wm. M. Palmer was unanimously sustained President of the Northwestern States mission. Geo. O. Noble and John B. Thatcher, junr., as traveling Elders in Ohio. Jos. R. Murdock, James L. Jensen, S. B. Warner, Daniel Zundell and D. E. Harris as traveling Elders in Michigan. The local priesthood in this State was also sustained.

Joseph R. Murdock showed how easily we can understand the plan of salvation if we have the spirit by which it was given, but without that, man can learn little or nothing of God's plans.

Singing and benediction.

7.30 p.m.

Singing and prayer. President Palmer delivered a powerful address upon prophecy and the restoration of the gospel.

D. E. Harris read the Proclamation of the Twelve Apostles, after which all the Elders, in turn, bore an unflinching testimony to the same.

The blessings of the Lord attended our Conference, and all feel highly pleased for coming, although some had to travel 400 miles.

Singing; benediction by J. B. Thatcher.

WM. M. PALMER, President.  
D. E. HARRIS,  
Clerk of Conference.

P.S.—At a council meeting held Monday, Geo. O. Noble and John B. Thatcher were appointed to travel together in Ohio. Jos. R. Murdock and James L. Jensen in north and west Michigan. S. B. Warner and Daniel Zundell in the east part of the State, and D. E. Harris, to labor alone for the present in the central part of Michigan.

W. M. P., Prest.  
D. E. H., Sec.

LITTLE COLORADO STAKE CONFERENCE.

The 14th Quarterly Conference of the Little Colorado Stake of Zion was held at Sunset on the 27th and 28th of August, 1881. There were present Jesse N. Smith, President of the Eastern Arizona Stake, the Presidency of the Stake, the Presidency of the High Priests, with Bishops and others.

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Opening services. The time was occupied in giving reports by Bishops of their Wards. Fair health and feeling existed, crops promised only a small yield, hardly sufficient to supply the settlements until another harvest. President Lot Smith made a few remarks.

2 p.m.

After opening services, Elders S. G. Ladd, G. Skinner, Decker and J. Bloomfield made remarks.

Bishop L. M. Savage presented the general Church and local Stake authorities, who were unanimously sustained, and the usual statistical reports of Stake and Sunday Schools were read by the clerk.

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Opening services. Elders Thomas West, Wm. C. Allen, Henry Roloff, John Bushman and L. M. Savage were the speakers.

2 p.m.

After opening services, the sacrament was administered.

President Jesse N. Smith occupied the time in speaking upon his experience in working in the United Order.

President Lot Smith made a few remarks, and adjourned the conference until the last Saturday in November, place of meeting to be designated.

Choir sang an anthem and the benediction was given by Prest. L. Smith.

The principles dwelt upon were the United Order, obedience, sacrifice, observing the Sabbath and Word of Wisdom, exercising care in the education of the young, and bearing testimony to the truth and divinity of the work we are engaged in.

Respectfully,  
F. G. NIELSON,  
Clerk of Stake.

Correspondence.

HYDE PARK,  
Sept. 6th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Bro. John Davis' family, now of Idaho, left this morning for their home at Preston, all well, and rejoicing in their deliverance from Babylon. Their home was always open to entertain our Elders. The Lord has favored them. One of their little ones had been given up to die by the physicians, who attended it. It was administered to by the Elders and recovered, to the astonishment of the doctors and neighbors. Elder J. H. Williams and self accompanied them to the depot.

Elders Isaacs and Williams have been laboring in Bradford and the adjoining counties, doing much good in removing prejudice. They find it very difficult to secure places to preach in. They go from house to house distributing tracts and bearing a faithful testimony of the truth of the great Latter-day work. They feel well, realizing that they are on the winning side, if it is unpopular at present. Brother Williams has not been very well in health, but is now improving.

One of our local newspapers here in its issue a few days ago "Thinks the Georgian's will resort to the pistol if legislation cannot stop the progress of Mormonism in that State." That has been done already in the martyrdom of Elder Standing. It has not, however, accomplished much. It scatters the seed to spring up an hundred fold. When will they cease seeking remedies to stop what is inevitable? Dr. Howard Crosby, DD, of New York, wants to apply dynamite to blow up Utah—he might be favored with a little too much of that combustible nearer home. The news this morning from New York is that one of the steamers for Liverpool had on board a missile of dynamite put there by some emissary of Fenian proclivities to blow up the steamer about mid ocean. I recollect some years ago in Wales hearing through the gift of the spirit that the time would come when it would be dangerous to cross the Atlantic because wickedness would abound. The Rev. Doctor a few weeks ago, in a sermon preached by him in New York City stated "that as a nation we are getting to be a nation of hypocrites, so much misrepresentation going on, etc." He knows how it is himself. I suppose he thinks that we are not prepared for such a sudden exit as the people of Utah are. I think so myself. The fact is, the nation is drifting into infidelity. The thoughtful element of our country are putting aside what is called orthodoxy as a fraud.

A prominent business man of Brooklyn, New York, made the remark a few days ago that Brooklyn was a great city—paying Talmage 10,000 dollars a year for preaching that there is a hell—and paying Beecher \$20,000 a year for preaching that there is no hell. What a farce!

Yours as ever in the Gospel,  
E. HOWELL.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
Sept. 13th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Having just received a copy of the Premiums to be given at the ensuing fall, I desire to make a few remarks upon the same, believing that the object of such exhibition is that the best premiums should be given for the encouragement of home industry, but I find that the greatest premiums are given to that which is not so much for the benefit of industry as for the gratification of the senses, instead of encouraging those things that are for the employment of labor, and to make a self-sustaining people. For dry goods, home made, there is given one gold medal for 10 pieces of woolen and other cloth, colored flannel, diploma; three pieces cotton yarn, bronze medal; linen shirting, bronze medal; and for the silk industry, nothing but one diploma and three bronze medals. Now, I think that Sarciculture should, at any rate, receive as valuable premiums as

flowers, but you will find this is not so, for three silver medals and two diplomas are awarded them. I love flowers and have imported a great many in my time, and there is no stimulant now required to encourage their growth, but there is a stimulant wanted to make the silk industry not only a success in finding labor, but also a great financial benefit to this Territory, for in the near future it will become one of the most profitable of industries, and employ hundreds of children and many old and infirm persons. Hoping this may meet the eye of the Board of Directors before the exhibition, so that they may give a greater stimulant to that industry.

A LIFE MEMBER  
OF THE D. A. & M. S.

ESCALANTE, Iron Co., U. T.,  
Sept 5th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

We have had an excellent season, crops good; the harvest all gathered in good order; the corn and cane now on hand, crops good, and if the frost holds off a while longer all will be gathered home, and we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for these blessings.

Our Quarterly Conference of this Stake was held at this place Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 28th ult., we had an excellent time. Besides the local authorities of the Stake Prest. McAllister and Sec'y Bleak, of St. George, were here and gave us, very timely, much excellent instruction, and the brethren appreciated it highly.

EVAN M. GREENE.

Spilker's Toast.

Major Spilker is a little man, very fat, very genial, and with a head as devoid of hair as a porcelain doorknob. His wife, Mrs. Algitha Spilker, is scrawny, sarcastic and deaf as a sawlog. A person could kick a tin bath-tub down the back stairs all night and Mrs. Spilker would snore like a brass horn, in blissful ignorance of the noise, which proves that she is rather deaf.

There are two things in the world of which Mrs. Spilker is very fond—a dinner party and her husband. She never fails to accept an invitation to one or to carry the other with her. For the last twenty years this couple have been in regular attendance at every party given by their friends, and on these occasions Mr. Spilker, when called on for a toast, would always give one to "the babies" in such a happy style that it never failed to create a good deal of mirth. His wife, although she could not hear a word, knew what her husband's toast was, and when he sat down supplemented it by a few appropriate remarks in which she set forth his fondness for babies. Not long since they attended a dinner given by a friend up town, and, unfortunately for Major Spilker and the assembled guests, he changed his toast without warning his wife of the fact, who, of course, thought her husband would confine himself to his regular subject.

"Now, Maj. Spilker," said Mrs. Barker, the hostess, as the dinner advanced, "it is your turn to give a toast, and pray say something complimentary to our sex."

"When my charming hostess," said the Major, rising, "requests me to do a thing, it is my duty to obey. Therefore I take pleasure in drinking the health of the ladies—God's best gift to man. The ladies, who cherish us in prosperity, soothe us in adversity, and by their tender ministrings lighten the burden of life—I drink to the ladies."

When the applause subsided, Mrs. Spilker, ignorant of the true subject of the toast, but glowing with pride and admiration, said:

"Oh, Mrs. Barker, you don't know how fond the Major is of them. I've seen him have two or three on his lap at once and—"

"Algitha!" gasped the Major.

"Just teasing the life out of the poor, dear things. He is such a favorite with 'em, and every chance he gets he is sure to have 'em in his arms, or be romping with 'em. He's got the loveliest nature of any man I ever saw, and somehow they come to him when they won't to any one else."

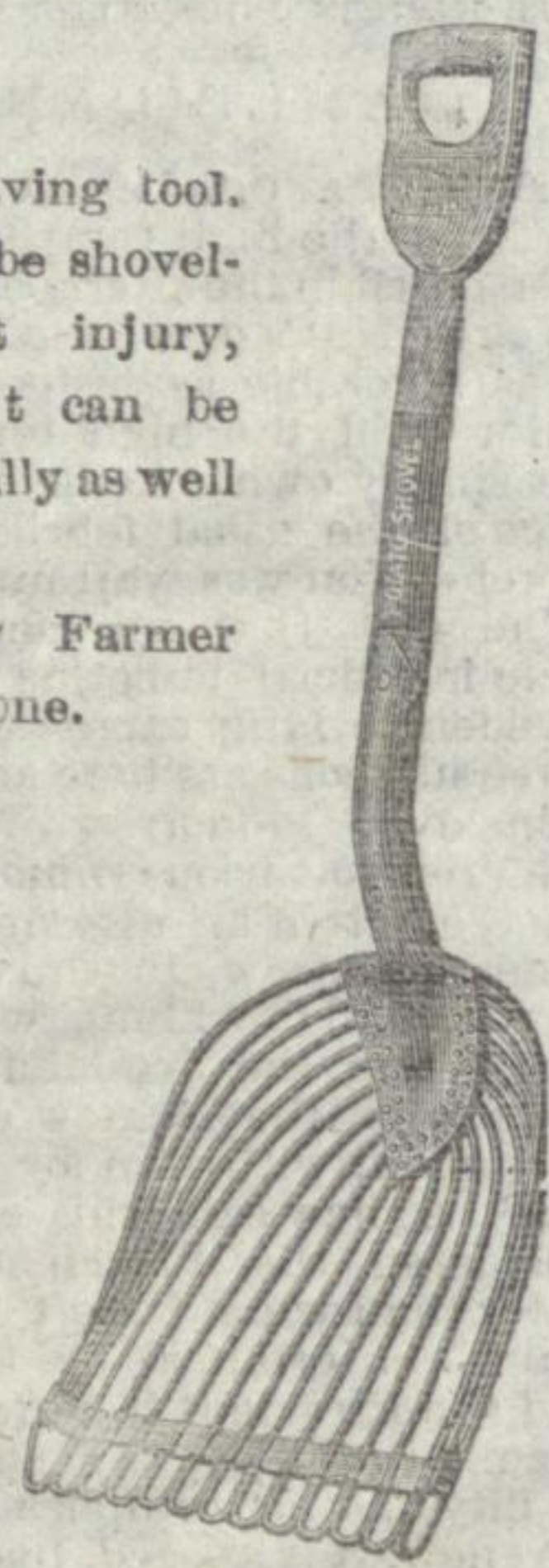
Maj. Spilker fell back in the chair with a groan, and silence fell on the party like a pile driver.

In a heavy lightning storm at Houston, a young man named Weinberg was killed. Many persons received severe shocks.

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NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT SALT LAKE CITY,  
August 30th, 1881.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before H. McMaster, Register, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, on October 8th, 1881, viz: Homestead Entry, No. 2563, for the W. 1-2, N. W. 1-4 Sec. 14, and Lots 1 and 4 of Sec. 15, in T. 4, South of R. 1, W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac M. Waddell, of Salt Lake City; Charles H. Wilken, of Salt Lake City; William D. Robinson, of Draperville; John Fitzgerald, of Draperville.  
w32 5t H. MCMASTER, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ESTATE OF MARIE JULIE DESAULES, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Executor of the Estate of Marie Julie Desaulles, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor at his office, at the General Tithing Office, Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake.

Dated at Salt Lake City, Sept. 3rd, 1881.  
LEONARD W. HARDY.  
Executor of the Estate of Marie Julie Desaulles, deceased.  
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